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PHYTOSANITARY IMPORT REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO
EXPORT FROM NEW ZEALAND

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		Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.	
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1 General Information

1.1 For enquires about this standard email the Exports Group (Plants):

plantexports@mpi.govt.nz

To help Exports process your email please record in the subject line of your email descriptive keywords which are relevant to your enquiry i.e. ICPR enquiry-Country-specific details.

For urgent enquiries phone or email Plant Exports

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Email: plantexports@mpi.govt.nz

1.2 Scope

The requirements listed in this ICPR apply to product of New Zealand only, unless specifically stated.

This ICPR specifies Hong Kong's phytosanitary requirements for the stated commodities and commodity classes only. If a commodity or commodity grouping is not identified within Section 3 or Section 4 exporters should contact:

Hong Kong directly in order to ascertain requirements, refer Section 2.2.4

or

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) – Plant Exports

Please note, the determination of phytosanitary requirements is undertaken on a cost recovery basis

Users of this document are strongly advised to review all sections of the ICPR for the determination of a commodity's phytosanitary requirements.

1.3 Phytosanitary Legislation

The following legislation controls the importation of plants and plant materials into Hong Kong:

- Plant (Importation and Pest Control) Ordinance, Cap 207

2 General Requirements

2.1 Prohibitions

The following commodities are prohibited entry unless specifically authorised by the Hong Kong Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD). ref Chpt 207 Schd I & II, Chpt 207 Sect 8

Scientific Name	Common Name	Plant Part Prohibited
<i>Ananas</i> spp.		All
<i>Arachis</i> spp.		All except decorticated seeds
Bombacaceae		Plants originating in countries where Swollen shoot virus complex of cacao is known to occur
<i>Camellia sinensis</i>	Tea	Vegetative material originating in countries where <i>Exobasidium reticulatum</i> or Phloem Necrosis virus is known to occur
<i>Citrus</i> spp.		All except fresh fruit for consumption
<i>Hevea</i> spp.	Rubber plant	Plants originating in countries where South American leaf blight (<i>Dothidelia ulei</i>) is known to occur
<i>Ipomoea</i> spp.	Sweet potato	All except edible tubers for consumption
<i>Oryza</i> spp.	Rice	Plants originating in countries where White tip nematode (<i>Aphelenchoides oryzae</i>) and Hoja blanca disease is known to occur
Sterculiaceae		Plants originating in countries where Swollen shoot virus complex of cacao is known to occur
<i>Theobroma</i> spp.	Cacao	Plants originating in countries where Witches broom disease (<i>Marasmius pernicius</i>) is present
	Soil	All

Plant includes timber, trees and shrubs
and

leaves, roots, flowers, fruit, tubers, bulbs, corms, stocks, cuttings, layers, slips, suckers, seeds, and any part of a plant, whether or not intended for growing, planting or propagation or from which further plants may be grown, planted or propagated.

Soil earth, sand, clay and peat

2.2 Phytosanitary Import Permits

2.2.1 Phytosanitary import permits state the phytosanitary requirements for importation

2.2.2 Phytosanitary import permits are required for the importation of the following commodities:

- Flower bulbs / corms
- Bare rooted plants
- Cuttings
- Sphagnum moss

2.2.3 Phytosanitary import permits are not required for the importation of the following commodities:

- Fresh fruit and vegetables for consumption
- Fresh cut flowers and foliage
- Dried cut flowers and foliage
- Grains, pulses, seeds and spices for human or animal consumption or for industrial use
- Timber and timber products including rattan and bamboo
- Dried tobacco and manufactured articles incorporating dried leaves

2.2.4 Phytosanitary import permits and conditions of import may be requested from:
ref website

Plant and Pesticides Regulatory Division
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
5/F Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road
Kowloon
HONG KONG

Tel: (852) 2150 7000 during office hours
(852) 2708 8885 24 hours interactive telephone enquiry
Fax: (852) 2314 2622

Email: Plantlic@afcd.gov.hk or mailbox@afcd.gov.hk

Website <https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/index.html>

2.3 Phytosanitary Certificates

2.3.1 The following commodity classes require a phytosanitary certificate:

- Flower bulbs / corms
- Bare rooted plants
- Cuttings
- Sphagnum moss
- Seed for sowing

2.3.2 Phytosanitary certificates are not required for the importation of the following commodity classes:

- Fresh fruit and vegetables for consumption
- Fresh cut flowers and foliage
- Dried cut flowers and foliage
- Grains, pulses, seeds and spices for human or animal consumption or for industrial use
- Timber and timber products including rattan and bamboo
- Dried tobacco and manufactured articles incorporating dried leaves

2.3.3 Authorisation prior to import from the Hong Kong Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) is required for the following:

- Insects
- Plants potted in peat / peat moss
- Peat / peat moss

2.3.4 Phytosanitary certificates must be signed no more than 14 days prior to export. ref. Chpt. 207 Sect. 6

2.4 Quarantine Pests

Not specified by Hong Kong

2.5 MPI specified Maximum Pest Limits (MPLs)

For all commodities exported to Hong Kong requiring phytosanitary certificates, the MPL's are:

Quarantine pests* specified by Hong Kong	0.5%
Soil	25g/600unit

*Quarantine pests for Hong Kong include organisms identified within:

- Section 2.4 of this standard
- Additional declarations
- Phytosanitary import permit

Note: Where an importing country does not specify any quarantine pests within the above, the MPL of 5% is to be applied for all injurious pests. Refer Section 4.14.4 of PEO.OAR

2.6 Ports of Entry

Not specified by Hong Kong

2.7 Inspection on Arrival

All consignments of imported plant material will be subject to inspection for phytosanitary purposes on arrival to Hong Kong.

2.8 Sampling Rates upon Arrival

Not specified by Hong Kong

2.9 Transit

ref Chpt 207 Sect. 9

Plants, plant pests and soil in transit are exempt from Hong Kong's phytosanitary requirements provided:

- the plant, plant pest or soil is packed, and remains packed, in a container which is sealed, closed or wrapped in such a manner that no plant pest may escape from the container; and

- the container in which the plant, plant pest or soil is contained and the cargo or baggage in which the container is included:

- (i) remains at all times on the vehicle, vessel or aircraft in which they were brought into Hong Kong; or
- (ii) if taken from such vehicle, vessel or aircraft are not removed from the place where they are brought into Hong Kong other than for the purpose of being taken out of Hong Kong

If these transit provisions are breached the consignment may be destroyed and costs recovered by the Hong Kong authorities.

2.10 Wood packaging

Refer to the forestry ICPR for Hong Kong, link below:

<http://mpi.govt.nz/law-and-policy/requirements/importing-countries-phytosanitary-requirements/forestry-icprs/hong-kong/>

3 Commodity Class Requirements

3.1 Fruit and Vegetables

Refer Section 4.1 for commodity specific requirements

3.1.1 Fresh Fruit and Vegetables (for consumption)

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.

3.1.2 Dried Fruit and Vegetables

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.

3.1.3 Frozen Fruit and Vegetables

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.

3.2 Cut Flowers and Foliage

Refer Section 4.2 for commodity specific requirements

3.2.1 Fresh Cut Flowers and Foliage

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.

3.2.2 Dried Cut Flowers and Foliage

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.

3.3 Nursery Stock

Refer Section 4.3 for commodity specific requirements

3.3.1 Budwood and Cuttings

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

3.3.2 Bulbs/tubers/corms/rhizomes (for propagation)

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required

3.3.3 Whole Plants (bare rooted)

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required

3.3.4 Whole Plants (potted within peat or peat moss)

Conditions:

Authorisation required from AFCD prior to import. Phytosanitary certificate required.

3.3.5 Tissue Culture

Conditions:

Not specified. Refer Section 1.2

3.4 Seed and Grains

Refer Section 4.4 for commodity specific requirements

3.4.1 Seed and Grain for Sowing

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

3.4.2 Seed and Grain for Consumption

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.

3.4.3 Seed and Grain for Processing

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.

3.5 Growing Media and Packing Material

Conditions:

Refer Section 4.5 for commodity specific requirements

Soil including earth, sand, clay and peat is prohibited unless prior authorisation has been given by the Hong Kong AFCD

3.6 Miscellaneous Items

Conditions:

Refer Section 4.6 for commodity specific requirements

4 Commodity Specific Requirements

4.1 Fruit and Vegetables

4.1.1 Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.1.1 for Commodity Class Requirements. Refer Section 2.1 for Prohibited Items.

Citrus spp.

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.

Ipomoea spp.

Sweet potato

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.

4.1.2 Dried Fruit and Vegetables

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.1.2

4.1.3 Frozen Fruit and Vegetables

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.1.3

4.2 Cut Flowers and Foliage

4.2.1 Fresh Cut Flowers and Foliage

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.2.1

4.2.2 Dried Cut Flowers and Foliage

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.2.2

4.3 Nursery Stock

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.3

4.4 Seed and Grains

4.4.1 Seed and Grain for Sowing

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.4.1

4.4.2 Seed and Grain for Consumption

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.4.2

4.4.3 Seed and Grain for Processing

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.4.3

4.5 Growing Media and Packing Material

Sphagnum Moss

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Peat / Peat Moss

Conditions:

Authorisation required from AFCD prior to import. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Additional declaration required.

Additional declaration

"Peat / peat moss has not been used previously for planting purposes"

4.6 Miscellaneous

Dried tobacco and manufactured articles incorporating dried leaves

Conditions

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.

Grains (animal consumption)

Conditions

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.

Hay (animal consumptions)

Phytosanitary import permit and Phytosanitary certificate required.

Insects

Authorisation required from AFCD prior to import.

Spices (for human consumption)

Conditions

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.

Timber and timber products (including bamboo and rattan)

Conditions

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.